WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for accessing a subterranean zone from the surface, comprising:

a well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone; and

a well bore pattern connected to the junction and operable to drain fluid from a region of the subterranean zone to the junction.

2. A system for accessing a coal seam from the surface, comprising:

a first well bore extending from the surface to the coal seam; and

a second well bore extending from the surface to the coal seam, the second well bore operable to drain fluid from the coal seam to the first well bore for production to the surface

3. A method for accessing a subterranean zone from the surface, comprising:

forming a first well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone;

forming a second well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone; and

forming a well bore pattern connected to the second well bore and providing drainage of fluids, by the second well bore, from the subterranean zone to the first well bore for production to the surface.

4. A method for accessing a subterranean zone from the surface, comprising:

drilling a substantially vertical well bore from the surface to the subterranean zone; and

drilling an articulated well bore from the surface to the subterranean zone, the articulated well bore horizontally offset from the substantially vertical well bore at the surface and operable to drain fluid from the subterranean zone to the first well bore for production to the surface.

5. A method for accessing a subterranean zone from the surface, comprising:

forming a first well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone;

forming a second well bore from the surface to the subterranean zone;

forming a well bore pattern connected to the second well bore;

draining fluid from the well bore pattern to the second well bore; and

collecting the drained fluid from the first well bore for production to the surface.